

To All
A MERRY CHRISTMAS

At Random

Wishing you a Merry Christmas.

Count the nice things in your home and see how many of them were Christmas presents.

No more weather reports over the radio—defense act.

But how about shutting off the radio?

This, day-before, looks like a green Christmas.

Have the Allies got Adolph on the run?

Hitler should be the most despised creature on earth.

No punishment could be too severe for him.

Those poor dupes of "young Germans" certainly are paying for their Nazi enthusiasm.

Have you helped financially in National defense?

It's going to take a LOT of "dough."

Recovers From Hunting Accident

Mrs. E. A. Naylor of Lansing is a pretty lucky woman. Shot thru the back while hunting near Otsego lake, near Gaylord, by a hunter who mistook her for a bear, she is now sufficiently recovered to go home.

She was brought to Grayling Mercy hospital and it was found the bullet that entered her back had missed vital organs by a very small margin. She has almost completely recovered, and left Mercy hospital last week Thursday for her home.

Mrs. Naylor says she likes this north country and hopes to return soon for a canoe trip down the AuSable river. And, next deer-hunting season, she says, will see her again on the runways.

We congratulate Mrs. Naylor on her fortunate recovery.

David Liphard Passed Away

David Liphard, age 80 years, a resident of Grayling for a number of years, passed away at Mercy hospital Saturday morning at 4:45 o'clock following a lingering illness.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Grayling Funeral Home, Rev. F. D. Barnes officiating. Interment was in Elmwood cemetery. Surviving the deceased are two sons, Ray of Midland, and Herbert of Grayling, and there are several grandchildren.

Mr. Liphard was born in New York on July 4, 1861.

CHASING "SPOOKS" FROM CAVES PROOFS

Now Britishers, while seeking snags from air raids, have been disturbed by "ghosts" in England's great prehistoric caves, is described in an article which is one of many features in The American Weekly with this Sunday's (December 28) issue of The Detroit Sunday Times. Be sure to get The Detroit Sunday Times this week and every week.

A. J. SORENSON
FUNERAL HOMEAmbulance Service
Phone 3671

Thomas Keller Killed By Hit Run Driver

Thomas Keller, age 73 years, was instantly killed Saturday night by a hit and run driver on US-27 near the AuSable river bridge. The body of the elderly gentleman was discovered lying on the pavement in front of the Municipal Lighting plant by Walter Windate, the latter who had just driven into Grayling to spend the week end at his cabin on the river. Mr. Windate notified Sheriff Papendick and a coroner was called who decided that Mr. Keller had died at about 12:20 o'clock of a crushed skull and internal injuries. The old gentleman had been down town and was on his way home when the fatal accident occurred. Sheriff Papendick and State police are working on the case in an effort to try and locate the hit and run driver.

Mr. Keller had resided in Grayling for about 10 years and he and his family sold hand-made pine wreaths and baskets of greens and artificial flowers. He was a loyal supporter of the Townsend plan. He was born in Pennsylvania, March 28, 1868.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Grayling Funeral Home, Rev. H. W. Kuhlman officiating. Surviving besides the widow Ella M., there is an adopted son, Harold. Interment was in Elmwood cemetery.

Grayling Post Offers Services

RESOLUTION

Whereas our Country is again involved in war and is in need of active and loyal support of all true Americans to assure victory over the forces of greed and oppression that would destroy our institutions, our ideals and our government, and

Whereas the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary have, through service and example, proved their loyalty and their patriotism beyond any doubt, and are now ready, able and willing to take part in the assurance of such victory, and

Whereas we believe that we can and should be called upon to actively assist in the protection of our Nation, our State and our Community, and to take an active part in the destruction of the forces arrayed against us.

Now Therefore, It is Resolved, Received by Grayling Post, No. 106, Department of Michigan, The American Legion and Grayling Unit, No. 106, Department of Michigan, The American Legion Auxiliary, in joint meeting, duly assembled, on this 15th day of December 1944, that:

We do hereby formally offer our services and our lives, and for the service of our Country to do and perform any and all duties that may be assigned to us to effectuate the common defense and to insure a complete victory binding ourselves under oath to faithfully perform such duties, and

It is Hereby Further Resolved that our offer of service should and ought to be accepted and duties should and ought to be assigned to us, permitting us to take some active part in the common and general program of defense and victory.

Resolution Committee.

Alfred Hanson.

Clarence B. Johnson.

Post Commander.

Leo Jorgenson.

Unit President.

Arvel Nelson.

GREETINGS TO GRAYLING FRIENDS

Dear Mr. Schumann:
Am enclosing check for \$2.00 for my subscription renewal to the Avalanche.

With cordial Christmas greetings to all my Grayling friends and best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

Edna Phelps.

And lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary, his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, frankincense and myrrh.

The Gospel according to St. Matthew



America Calling Every Man and Woman In the Nation

\$800 FOR WAR RELIEF NEEDED

Giving New Year Eve Benefit Party

If you don't dance, you still can buy a ticket for the New Year benefit dance that will be held next week Wednesday night at the school gymnasium.

Crawford county's quota to be raised for war relief is only \$800, which is little enough when one considers the emergency. By giving this dancing party, everyone has an opportunity to do his little bit by buying tickets. These are only \$1.00 per person.

AMERICA IS REALLY CALLING

It is a privilege that only an American who wants to have a part in, and the best of every thing, should be able to do. The quota to be raised for the New Year benefit party is a serious one. The committee isn't planning to end there, for they have plan on getting the people a good time as well. There will be good music, appropriate decorations, New Year's eve housemakers' contest and the other things that are usually provided at new year's eve parties.

By all means BUY A TICKET (\$1.00) and then come to the celebration. Bring your friends and make it a memorable New Year's eve party.

Dr. Cook is chairman of the ticket committee. Tickets have been placed in the hands of every public and civic organization in the county—the supervisors, road commission, county, city and township officials, Grange, American Legion and Auxiliary, Kiwanis club, and other organizations. These have tickets to sell to their members and also to anyone else wishing them. Or, if preferred, tickets may be purchased directly from Dr. Cook or Dr. C. G. Clippert.

A record is being kept of every person buying tickets or contributing to this defense fund and the names will be posted on a large bulletin board and displayed in the front windows of the Johnson Furniture store.

"All Americans will do their

duty." This is endorsed by the Crawford County Defense Committee, American Legion and Auxiliary, Kiwanis club, Grayling Chapter of the American Red Cross and the Grayling Woman's club and others.

The Red Cross Roll Call

Our Roll Call chairman reports about \$400.00 has been received to date on the 1941 roll call. This is a very disappointing figure considering the 750 members. We are sure that it may be reached.

Never has there been a time,

in the history of our country, when an individual citizen has been called upon to do so much for his country as he is now.

The Red Cross is a great organization and it is up to each of us to do our part.

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Womans Club Guests Officers Tr. School

Thursday evening the members of the Woman's Club and several guests attended a dinner at the Conservation Officers' Training school at Higgins Lake. The dining room was lovely with yuletide greens and lighted red tapers.

Mrs. Stanley Stealy and Mrs. Charles Meisel were co-chairmen of the evening. Mrs. Stealy acting as toastmaster at the dinner. Mr. Harold MacNeven, chairman of the Crawford County Defense Council made a few remarks on the objectives of the committee.

Russell Martin, head of the educational division of the department of conservation gave a talk on what the school was accomplishing.

Following the dinner Mr. Martin showed motion pictures on "Life of a Civilian Conservation Corps Camp" and "Wild Flowers Found Throughout Michigan."

Mary Gretchen Connine Honored At Pre-Nuptial Parties

Miss Mary Gretchen Connine was guest of honor at a small bridge tea at "Birchhills" on the AuSable, the home of Mrs. Franklin Hills, Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. A. J. Joseph and Miss Connine received the prize awards.

Mrs. D. Trevegno, maternal grandmother of the bride, will entertain with the rehearsal luncheon for the Connine-Ocker wedding party at Shoppensagons Inn, Saturday.

Innocent Life
The maximum life of insects is considered to be 17 years.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to neighbors and friends for their kindness and sympathy in our recent sorrow, the passing of our little son and grandson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Baynham and Family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Falkenberg and Family.

Joseph Charron Funeral Held Monday

WAS WELL KNOWN COUNTY PIONEER

One of Crawford county's oldest residents, Joseph Charron, passed away at 10:45 o'clock Thursday night at the age of 92 years and 5 months. Not being confined to his bed at any time he gradually grew weaker until death came to him in his sleep.

Joseph Charron was born in Plaisance, Quebec, Canada July 9, 1849. He grew to manhood there and he and his brother operated a couple of lumber camps. On October 17, 1870 he was united in marriage to Helen Dallaire, and four children were born to them, Anna, Kellis, Rose and Medese. In 1883 the family came to Bay City to reside and here two more children were born, Lydia and Jenny. Mr. Charron worked on farms in the summer and during the winter worked in the lumber camps in Crawford county, later the family coming to Grayling to reside, and here their sons Oscar and Albert were born.

Mr. Charron's real lumbering days began when he bought camp equipment and built his own lumber camps in this county, cutting and selling logs by the thousands. He had camps on the Manistee river, Hartwick Pines, and at Deward. In 1886 Mr. Charron founded and built St. Mary's church and was a very devoted member throughout his life. Among other buildings, he built the Commercial House which stood where Burke's Garage is located, and nearby he owned and operated a livery stable and blacksmith shop.

Closing his camps in 1893, he went to Maple Forest to reside, buying a farm, and here their youngest daughter, Emma, was born. Mrs. Charron passed away in Ann Arbor in 1908 and the family continued to live in Maple Forest until 1924 when the farm home burned. Two years later Mr. Charron built his home in Grayling where he resided until his passing. He liked gardening and after coming here kept himself occupied during the summer with a lovely vegetable and flower garden.

The remains were taken to the Grayling Funeral Home where the rosary was held Sunday night and on Monday morning funeral services were held at St. Mary's church. Rev. Fr. James Mooney officiating. Interment was in Elmwood cemetery. Grandsons of the deceased were paidbearers Clarence Donald, Kermit and A. J. Charron and Ray and G. W. Murphy.

Surviving the deceased are three sons, Mrs. Parsons Mrs. Fay Murphy and Mrs. Anna McCoy. Mrs. Charron was 83 years old, 37 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren.

Those attending the funeral from out of town were Mrs. Anna McCoy, George Herbert, Mrs. May Lovoy, Mrs. Blanche Jones and Donald Charron, Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Charron, Trenton, Mr. and Mrs. John Parsons, Rogers City, Charles Beaudin, Newberry, Miss Virginia Charron, Flint.

Council of Defense Sole Governing Power

The following statement of policy governing the activities of private organizations and governmental agencies in the Civilian Defense Program was unanimously adopted by the Michigan Council of Defense in special session on December 12, 1941.

At the outset of the war it should be made plain, once and for all, that the civilian defenses of Michigan will be organized and commanded by the Governor, working through the Michigan Council of Defense and the county and local councils throughout the state.

The inherent power of the State's Chief Executive and his representatives to be in command has been amply reinforced by the statute creating the Council of Defense, with the Governor as chairman, and by the appointment of Governor Van Wagener by the President and the O.C.D. to be the Federal Coordinator of Defense in Michigan.

Considerable confusion can be created by patriotic but uncoordinated enthusiasm on the part of individuals and groups if they take it upon themselves to assume command of the civilian defenses of their own communities without legal authority. No organizations—service clubs, veteran groups, patriotic societies, lodges or other units—have been authorized or will be authorized as such to take charge of civilian defenses.

There is good reason for this policy: the civilian defenses in modern warfare rank equally in importance with the military defenses, and command must and will rest in the hands of the properly constituted authorities of government. Any other course would invite disaster.

It is recognized that in private organizations we have a vast reservoir of manpower and womenpower, and these organizations will be called upon time and again by the Governor and the State Council and other defense councils to furnish individuals as volunteers and workers for various phases of the Civilian Defense Program. We want to put no curb on their patriotic fervor; we want to make use of it.

But for the sake of our country's safety, we must insist that authority and responsibility be left in the hands of the legal authorities as directed by the Office of Civilian Defense.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES MOORE, MR. AND MRS. O. P. SCHUMANN, HOSTS

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore, at Lake Mary, retired Mr. and Mrs. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Schumann entertained their bridge club a dinner Sunday evening.

A large beautiful Christmas tree together with other Christmas decorations made a very lovely setting for the party.

High scores for contract, which followed the dinner, were held by Mrs. George Olson and A. Joseph.

Flashing Expert
A puffin can continue to catch fish even though it already may be several in its beak. It carries them with their heads all ranged in the same direction.

Public Notice

People desiring snow removal service on private roads are hereby notified to make application at the Garage Office of the County Road Commission at once.

Application blanks and information may be obtained there.

Board of County Road Commissioners



"At Christmas...
Make Good Cheer
for Christmas comes
but once a year"

Merry Christmas

Among the most cherished gifts bestowed by the passing year is the friendship and pleasant relations that have existed between us. We hope for a continuance of this friendship during the year to come, and, in the spirit of the season, we cordially greet you and wish you the most Merry of Merry Christmases.

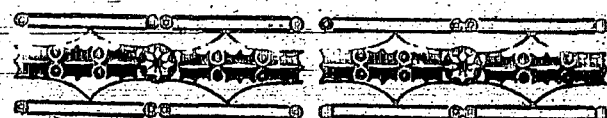
Tri-County
Telephone Co.

From All of Us to All of You



This wish is old style
But it has the old smile—
The meaning so friendly and true
It's full of good cheer,
It's warm and sincere,
So—just the old
Merry Christmas to you!

Spike's Keg-O'-Nails



To
You and
Yours

An old-fashioned Christmas... the kind of a Christmas that helped make the gay 90's gay... yes, the kind of a Christmas that the old family album could tell about... that's the kind of a Christmas we wish for you and yours.

We're grateful for your patronage during the past year, and hope for a continuance of our pleasant relations.

Happy New Year
Grayling Greenhouses



WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

We choose the simple, age-old good will that we want to convey, greeting, "Merry Christmas," to hail you, our friends, in this joyous holiday season. We choose these time-worn words because we believe them best qualified to carry the full quota of sentiment and Christmas feeling year.

ZAUEL'S



We'd like very much to send each of you a gift to show our appreciation of your friendship and patronage during the year.

As this is impossible, we take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Hanson's Sporting Goods
H. Hanson, Prop.



A star in the sky, new hope in the heart, and Christmas trees glowing from windows and out of doors.

A most appropriate time to thank you for your patronage, and to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Lietz Tailors and Cleaners



A Season Joyous...
REIGN OF CHRISTMAS

"Reign of Christmas" is truly a reign of joy and happiness. We extend our cordial wish that happiness may "reign" in your home this Christmas and throughout the holiday season.

And—please remember that we are always anxious to serve and are proud of a long "reign" of service in this community.

SHOPPENAGONS INN
Grayling, Michigan
Mrs. Thomas Cassidy, Prop.



The same old greeting, but with the added fervor of many years repetition.

It is our sincere wish that each member of your family will enjoy the most beautiful and happiest Christmas ever!

And may we add a word of thanks for your much appreciated patronage during the year.

Dr. J. F. Cook

Christmas



Our Wish for You...

Our genuine "Merry Christmas to All" ... our friends and customers. Pleasant times like Christmas always remind us of the pleasure we have had in the privilege of doing business with you. May good luck attend your every wish this Christmas! And may holiday good cheer brighten the hours of this glorious season!

Frank Roth

Grayling Restaurant
Joseph Cinciala

THE MERRIEST CHRISTMAS



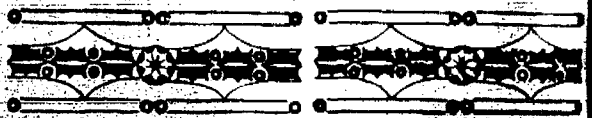
The same kind of a Christmas we knew when we were boys and girls, when bob-sleds plodded merrily over country roads and the brooding peace of Yuletide dwelt everywhere in the hearts of men.

... that is the kind of an old-fashioned Christmas we are wishing you now.

And with our wish may we extend a word of thanks and appreciation for your continued friendship and patronage.

A Happy New Year

Olaf Sorenson & Son
Herluf Sorenson, Prop.



HEARTY GREETINGS!

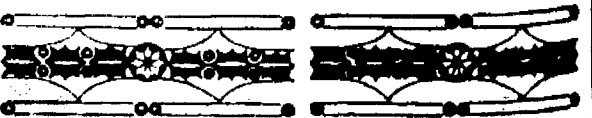
It's Christmas... the season of genial fellowship and good will when men draw together in ties of common brotherhood. In this season of good will it is time to reckon the finer profits that cannot be posted on the ledgers... the best time in the entire calendar to express our appreciation of the many evidences of your friendship.

To you and to those whose happiness is linked with yours we send our heartiest wishes for the merriest Christmas ever!

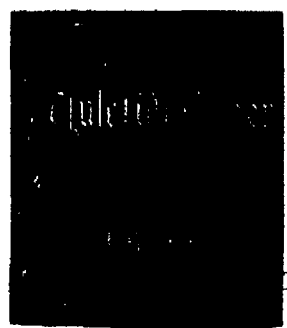
And a Happy New Year

Emil Niederer

Ice Co.



GREETINGS



This wish is old style
But it has the old smile—
The meaning so friendly and true
It's full of good cheer,
It's warm and sincere,
So—just the old
Merry Christmas to you
and Happy New Year too!

MAYOR GEORGE BURKE



BRING in the Yule log, make the hearthfire glow, and let the spirit of joy be unconfined! It is Christmas—that magic time for all the world!

In this "happiest holiday season" we can only wish for you that the happiest possible Christmas joy be yours.

It has been a source of genuine pleasure to have served you during the past year, and we hope for a continuance of our friendly relations.

Parsons and Lamm

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

GRAYLING STATE SAVINGS BANK

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WM. RAAE
A. J. NELSON
JOHN BRUUN

Officers:

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JOHN BRUUN, Vice Pres. & Mgr.
MARGRETHE NIELSEN, Cashier
DON K. GOTHRO, Ass't. Cashier

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



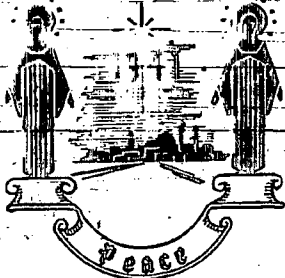
AMONG the most cherished remembrances of the past year are the pleasant relationships we have enjoyed with the people of this community.

To old friends, to new friends, and to friends-to-be we extend the season's greetings. May all of you experience the choicest blessings of the Christmas season.

BETTY MAE

Beauty Shoppe
Mrs. Minnie Miller, Propr.

Christmas



* Against the background of Christmas is the ideal of a world at peace. This ideal has nourished the Christmas joy of countless millions since the days when shepherds first tended their flocks on the plains of old Judea.

* It is this peace of spirit in all its fullness that we wish you now, as, mindful of a whole year of pleasant relations, we pause to express our appreciation.

* May you all enjoy a truly Merry Christmas this season!

Quality Food Store

Mrs. Clara Sorenson, Propr.



GREETINGS
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

* We celebrate now the birth of one who gave us the Sorrow on the Mount, the keystone of whose arch was the injunction "Love ye one another." Upon this firm foundation all human friendship is built.

We have been proud to count you among our loyal friends for many years, and now renew our pledge of friendship. We also take this opportunity to extend to you all good wishes for a joyful Christmas and holiday season.

A. J. Rehkopf

Plumbing and
Heating



Christmas seems to renew our obligation of gratitude to the community which we so gladly serve. We're grateful for the patronage you have given us in the months past and pledge anew to serve you faithfully in the future.

Grayling Laundry

"We Wash Everything But the Baby."



OLSON'S



HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO ONE AND ALL

Like a Gentle of Benevolence, the Christmas spirit overpreads the land, and none can escape its magic spell. No better time than this universal season of good will to tell you how greatly we appreciate the good

will you have shown us during the past year. We list your friendship among our most precious assets, and will leave nothing undone to merit still further your full and complete confidence.

Ring out wild bells, the Christmas—Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year, and, as Tiny Tim observed, God bless us all—everyone!

The City Council

The City Employees

GREETINGS



Christmas again! And as the glad chimes ring out we join in the general gladness to wish you and yours a more joyous and bountiful Christmas than ever.

For your patronage we are deeply grateful, and we renew our pledge of full service for the future.

CHAS. W. MOSHIER

Coal and Coke



Greetings

The season's greetings sent in sincere and friendly appreciation of an asset money cannot buy—good will.

Merry Christmas to all of you from all of us.

Happy New Year

Carl Sorenson

Shell Gas Station - Cabins



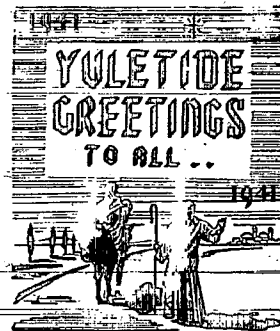
TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

Christmas is a sort of stopping place where weary travelers pause and forget the long miles that lie behind, and recall the faith and loyalty of friends who have made their way most pleasant.

Permit us now to thank you for your many favors and to wish you a delightful Christmas season.

Frank's Grocery

Your Friend at Meal Time
Frank Bridges, Propr.



'Tis Christmas! Our thought, revert from the complicated to the simple, from the cares of maturity to the carefree thoughts of childhood, from the material to the spiritual!

'Tis Christmas! ... time to count our many friends and to call the happy relationships we have had with them during the year ... time to express our gratitude and to wish all our friends the choicest blessing, the Yule season can bestow.

Pat and Ella's

Tavern



Forward

RIGHT as the blazing Yule, splendid as the lights that burned through the Sacred candles in the Tabernacle, holy as mysteries, Christmas is with us once again.

FOR as the Scriptures declare—light cometh in the midst of darkness so in the darkest season do we celebrate our brightest day. Though earth be wrapped in the chill of frost and the sun has lost its power to heat—our hearts are warmed and our spirits glow with the thoughts that Christmas brings.

TO the spirit of the Season do we commend you—and following the custom of the time, convey our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy one. May the spirit which is upon us bless you—and give you your heart's desire. May the year which is approaching favor you with every happiness it can bestow.

Sales

Ben Franklin Store



HOLIDAY GREETINGS

CHRISTMAS in "the good old days" knew no bounds of joyousness. It is particularly gratifying to us that we number among our steady customers many who have been loyal since "the good old days."

To all of these, to all who have made our friendship since, and to all who read this message, we wish that good old-fashioned kind of Christmas which comes to mind when we think of "the good old days."

J. E. Schoonover

Buick Sales

Toxaco Products

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THURSDAY, DEC. 25, 1941

Yule Tree Peril Easily Reduced

How to restrain the needle-dropping on Michigan's million indoor Christmas trees and at the same time keep these trees from becoming fire hazards in homes, schools, stores and churches involves the use of water, chemicals or even paint sprays.

Some of the technique suggested by A. J. Panshin, associate professor of forestry at Michigan State College, ranges from the use of a bucket of moistened sand to chemicals in solution. If the weather is not unusually warm and if trees have been cut within a month of the holiday trees should respond to the extra care.

Here is the chemical solution described by Professor Panshin: Six grams of malic acid, five grams of citric acid and 15 grams of calcium carbonate are dissolved in three quarts of water. The base of the tree stands in this solution and water is added as the solution is used by the tree.

Tests by the United States Forest Service indicate Christmas trees retain their needles about two weeks if they stand in water. Just before the tree is placed in the container, the stem or large end should be sawed off an inch or two from the end, preferably at an angle or in a V shape. This gives the water free access to the fresh wood.

Christmas trees can be made nearly fireproof. The process is recommended where the risk might be great in using the tree for school or church programs. According to Professor Panshin the secret is to replace as much of the moisture as possible with an absorbed chemical. The chemical is ammonium sulphate, obtained from stores that sell fertilizers.

The weight of the tree in pounds is divided by four. This amount of the ammonium sulphate is placed in a jar, crock or pail and dissolved in water, using one and one-half pints for each pound of sulphate. The tree is placed with the stem end in the solution and let stand in a cool place not in direct sunlight until most of the solution is absorbed.

Kiddies Enjoy George Olson's Treat

Close to a thousand kiddies from all around the county, but particularly from Grayling enjoyed the show at the Rialto Theatre Monday afternoon, that was George Olson's special Christmas treat. Before the show there was a string of kiddies—a block long waiting to get into the theatre.

Santa Takes Orders From Boys And Girls

Santa Claus has been sauntering around the streets talking it over with the boys and girls as to what they want for Christmas. He is a jolly good fellow.

Must Add Federal Tax

On account of new federal taxes, admission to Grayling winter sports park will cost a dime more—35 cents this season—but all other charges at the big conservation department snow sports center will be the same as they were last year.

The 3,100-foot slide downhill over ice in one of the six steel-sided terraced toboggan slides, is still a 10-cent feature. Skis and snowshoes may be rented for a dollar a day. There is no charge for skating or any of the other activities.

Winter sports in the park now wait on favorable weather.

Saving Substantial Fuel Costs

Home owners can effect substantial savings in fuel costs by following a few simple rules in the operation of coal burning furnaces, Miss Harriet Elliott, Associate Administrator of the Office of Price Administration and head of the Consumer Division, said today.

Householders are notorious coal-wasters, heating men report, principally because they haven't kept up with the latest techniques in furnace operation. Wastage of coal amounts in extreme cases to one ton out of every three consumed.

For instance, many misguided shovelers cover their burning coal completely when adding new fuel. They shouldn't. Coal should be added this way:

1. Set dampers so that coal is burning brightly.

2. Add new fuel in one section of the fire-bed.

3. Leave a "bright spot" of glowing coals exposed on the surface to ignite gasses given off by the new fuel.

4. Leave the exposed "bright spot" at the left, right, front or back of the firebox on successive firings to keep the top of the firebed reasonably level.

If the firebox isn't big enough to add sufficient coal in this manner, burning coal may be piled up on the sides of the firebox and new coal added in the center. Take care to disturb the firebed as little as possible.

Another great American furnace room superstition is that a little coal in the firebox goes a longer way than a lot of coal. It doesn't. By keeping a five-inch thick fuel bed, and by bringing the level of coal right up to the firing door, householders will save the most fuel, providing they use the dampers properly.

The experts lay down these broad rules as a starting point:

1. Set the turn damper (also called the "butterfly" or "plate" damper) to a position giving the most obstruction to the hot air going up the chimney consistent with the maximum amount of heat needed upstairs.

2. Regulate the furnace or boiler between banked position and full steam ahead by moving the check damper and ashpit damper. (The check damper should be open when the ashpit damper is closed, and vice-versa.)

Firing door slots usually should be open after adding fuel, as long as the flames are swirling high above the fuel bed, and closed when the small, peaked flames appear. Never open the firing door to bank the fire. This wastes fuel. If the fire won't bank properly, use smaller-sized coal, or keep a thicker layer of ashes on the grates. Shake the grates less frequently to permit the ashes to accumulate on them. If this fails to hold the fire, have furnace or boiler checked for leaks and smokepipe checked with a draft gauge.

Proper maintenance of boilers or furnaces will save coal. Flues and heating surfaces should be kept clean with a wire brush, boiler water free of rust and scale, cracks which permit air to leak into the furnace or boiler sealed with furnace cement. Dampers, grates or doors that are defective should be replaced.

In many furnaces, use of the smaller-sized domestic coals will result in fuel economy. These burn more slowly, therefore less heat goes up the chimney. They are particularly good for banking a fire, or may be used in combination with larger sizes if hotter fires are needed.

Christmas Watched History in Making

Almost throughout the world, people are looking forward to a merry Christmas. This day, so significant to us, has seen great events occur in the history of the world.

Following is a list of important events which occurred on Christmas day:

Year	Event
800	Charlemagne, French king, crowned at Rome, Emperor of the West.
1066	William the Conqueror crowned at London.
1642	Sir Isaac Newton born. He discovered the law of gravity.
1776	Washington crossed the Delaware to attack Trenton.
1777	Vermont declared its independence from England.
1821	Clara Harlowe Barton born. She founded the American Red Cross in 1881.
1837	Gen. Zachary Taylor defeated the Seminole Indians in Florida.
1910	Peter Tschakowsky born. Famous Russian composer.
1928	Unconditional pardon and amnesty proclaimed by the President to all inhabitants in Southern states.

Geo. Granger Heads Masonic Fraternity

Grayling Lodge F. and A. M. has installed its newly elected officers. They are as follows:

Worshipful Master—George Granger.
Senior Warden—Farnham Matson.
Junior Warden—York Edmonds.
Senior Deacon—Nels Olson.
Junior Deacon—George Bielski.
Secretary—Harley Russell.
Treasurer—George Olson.
Tyler—Norman Butler.

The following directors were installed for the Masonic association, having jurisdiction of the physical property of the Masonic fraternities:

Charles Moore, Farnham Matson, Phil Moran and George Granger.

Military Mailbag

Fort Warren, Wyoming
Dec. 16, 1941

Dear Mr. Schumann:
Frank Muth, Bert Confer and myself got together tonight and decided to write you a letter to thank you for the paper as we enjoy it very much. The three of us have been going to write you a letter but we very seldom get together as we are all in different regiments. The way things are we may be shipped out of here at any time; we haven't the slightest idea.

We have been talking about the doc law. We think that it is one hell of a law. We had been telling the fellows all about the deer up there and now what can a fellow tell them?

So far we have been in and thru seven states and none of them come anywhere near Michigan. Wyoming is the worst of them all. There is one fellow here who says if he ever gets back to good old Michigan he will never leave it again. Back there we don't know what wind is. Out here it blows sand just like it does snow back there. It blows so hard that it picks up sand and little stones out on the parade grounds so you can't see a man forty inches ahead of you.

Out here we are around 6100 feet above sea level. That was hard to get used to, you get out of breath so easily. On a clear day we can see forty miles all ways and not see a tree, just the mountains in the distance.

There is another fellow from Grayling out here; we think his name is Richard Kitten. We just met him a week ago; he came from Fort Custer the same day we did.

The weather is quite nice out here now except it is very windy. There is no snow yet and we can't see how it could stay here with the wind we have.

We shall write again when we get to wherever we go. We will probably be all in different places but that's a soldier's life.

We will put Bert's name on this too as he would want us to, so we take this opportunity to wish all our friends in Grayling a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

As ever yours,
Three Soldiers.
Pvt. Max Lett,
Pvt. Bert Confer,
Pvt. Frank Muth.

Frederic News

Dan Pratt is on the sick list. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Elmo on December 17th. Mrs. Elmo was formerly Miss Ruby Weaver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Weaver.

Kendall Welch, who has been working in Pontiac, is home indefinitely.

Miss Dorothy Weinkoff who is attending school in Manton, is home for the holidays.

Jim Horton and family of Auburn Heights arrived Saturday morning, returned Sunday. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Horton, and Miss Jerry, returned with them for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ace D. Leng spent Sunday with the former's sister, Mrs. Mabel Lewis, in Grayling.

Miss Emma Armstrong is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ridgway and daughter of Marquette are here spending Christmas with the former's father, Ted Ridgway.

Art Bigham and children of Maple Forest spent Sunday with Mrs. Maude Shorts.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carlson of Roscommon will have Christmas dinner with Mrs. Carlson's mother, Mrs. M. Shorts.

Mrs. Chas. Craven is under the doctor's care this week.

Mrs. Clarence Gabriel and Mrs. Ursel Cox spent a few days in Flint, visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Melroy left Tuesday to spend the holidays with Mr. Melroy's parents in Tiffin, Ohio. They expect to spend the winter in Detroit.



WHAT'S HE SO MAD ABOUT? ALL WE WANT IS TO GIVE HIM A TASTE OF OUR NEW ORDER!

Northern Lights

Visual Education

One of last week's films again portrayed early American life. "The Colonial Planter of Virginia" visualizes the life of the people in Virginia when "taxation without representation" and the "Indians" were the chief problems.

The second film "Clothing" showed the different types and styles of clothing worn by the people of different countries.

Basketball

Last week the Grayling squads broke even with Roscommon. The reserve team lost a close one to the Roscommon reserves but the varsity won their game in an overtime period.

At Harbor Springs the varsity found a first half lead too much to overcome and although they held Harbor to three points in the last half they lost the decision.

T.B. Seals

The annual sale of Christmas seals in the local schools was closed last Friday. A total of 2,138 seals were sold or purchased by the students. The 5th and 6th grade room led the entire school by disposing of 416 seals.

Defense Stamps

Over twenty-five percent of the students are purchasing defense

stamps. One hundred fifty-one of them are keeping their albums in the school safe and a few are keeping them at home. The weekly report shows that 1,110 ten cent stamps and 184 twenty-five cent stamps have been purchased or a total of \$157.00 saved to date.

Christmas Program Friday, Dec. 19

Band—"Christmas Festival".
Mr. Richardson, director.
Presentation of the Football trophy.

Glee Club—"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day," Miss Stahlman, director.

Play by 7th Grade—"Christmas on a Day Coach," Mr. Stripe, director.

Band and Glee Club—"Onward Grayling," "Jingle Bells," "Star Spangled Banner."

The student body joined in the above songs.

Dismissal—Mr. Roberts.

Grade Programs

Each of the elementary grades invited their mothers to come to their Christmas programs last Friday. After the programs, Santa visited several of the rooms and helped distribute the gifts. Boxes of candy or other gifts were made up and distributed by the elementary members of the school staff.

Lincoln, Roosevelt Bring Spirit Of Christmas to White House

The White House has seen all kinds of Christmases during the 140 years that it has domiciled the President of the United States. There have been rowdy, fun-loving Christmases during the Teddy Roosevelt administration, and there have been long stretches when Santa Claus wasn't quite sure whether to stop at 1600 Pennsylvania avenue.

John and Abigail Adams, the first tenants of the "President's Palace" brought no children to it, and Mrs. Adams felt that New England was a much better place for the seat of the government.

There have been many other childless Christmases in the White House, such as the dull period between the Tylers and the Lincolns. But probably the two families which will go down in Santa Claus' memory for a really riotous holiday season are the Theodore Roosevelts, when Kermie, Archie and Quentin put a pony in the elevator and introduced the first electrically lighted Christmas tree; and the current clan of Roosevelts, who from Franklin Delano the First to Franklin Delano the Third have invoked the spirit of Christmas with equal abandon.

Tad Lincoln's Invasion.

The nearest thing to Rooseveltian good spirits in the early days was induced by Tad Lincoln who—with his pet—had the full run of the mansion.

The stately mansion had never known any such invasion since the Christmas of 1830, when Andrew Jackson threw open its doors to the orphans of Washington.

When the Theodore Roosevelts came to the White House, there was plenty of festivity, but no Christmas tree. The explanation given to the children was that a tree with candles was a fire hazard.

But the next year, the Roosevelt boys led TR to a closet, opened the door, and surprised him with a Christmas tree sparkling with electric lights. They had conspired with the electrician and prepared the first electrically lighted tree in the White House.

Christmas Spirit Rises.

Today, there is always an electrically lighted tree in the East room, and another—the intimate



A White House policeman looks at gifts for the President's family as preparations are completed to make the East room ready for Christmas eve.

tree—in the second floor hall.

If Christmas spirit were registered on a thermometer, it would show a steady rise in the last 16 years. The Colledge boys were too old to go in for Santa Claus.

The Hoover Christmas was warmer, for the lugubrious Mr. Hoover really tried to unbend on Christmas day. The most expert unbending was done, however, by his secretary, Larry Richey, who burst out of the fireplace in the East room on Christmas morning, to the delight of Peggy Anne and Peter, the President's grandchildren.

Christmas spirit rose to a still warmer degree when the F. D. Roosevelts came in and, instead of hiring the professional reader engaged by the Hoovers to read the Dickens "Christmas Carol," the reading was taken over by that master of dramatic art, Franklin D. Roosevelt.



By GENE ALLEMAN
Michigan Press Association

Lansing—Michigan's capitol dome, illuminated at night with 738 electric lights and a beacon visible for many miles, has been blacked out.

The precautionary step was taken at the recommendation of military authorities, and aside from its economy to the state—an economy incidentally that was not made during the depression—the blackout is significant for its reflection of a drastic and complete transformation of popular thinking in Michigan since the fateful Dec. 7.

By itself, the blackout of the capitol dome will not greatly affect the lives of the people of Michigan. As a symbol of the new order, it foreshadows events and attitudes.

For, as it seems to us now, Michigan has had a bad case of war jitters and near hysteria. Smugness that we were safe from attack has been replaced by positive apprehension for the safety of our cities and our own lives. Since the Japanese raided Pearl Harbor some 4,000 miles from home bases and since military officials insist that enemy planes actually flew over the Golden

Gates at San Francisco, we have concluded: "It can happen here."

Liberties

Among war's first results is curtailment of civil liberties. When our collective liberties are endangered, we willingly accept temporary loss of individual liberties.

Freedom of speech and freedom of the press, for example, are subordinated to national security.

In Chicago last week a youth, 23 years old, was fined \$200 for booing the President of the United States in a loop newsreel theater. He said he was peeved because his draft number was 1799 out of 2,000, because the navy, air corps and marine all had rejected him because of defective eyesight, and because he was a Republican. "But I'm as good an American as anybody," he insisted.

Disloyal Speech.

Examples of how freedom of speech was curtailed during the last World War, largely as a result of mass hysteria, may be found in these recorded cases: In Yorkville, New York, Adam Loris was sent to the workhouse for 60 days for shouting "Hurrah for the Kaiser."

In New York City a waiter, Henry Schneider, was jailed six months for sneering at the Liberty loan.

In Jackson, Minnesota, A. C. Ownley was found guilty of violating the Minnesota espionage act seven months after the Armistice because he made speeches in behalf of the Non-partisan league, a farm protest group founded in North Dakota.

Myron T. Herrick, former governor of Ohio and former ambassador to France, was quoted in the Daily Patriot of Concord, New Hampshire: "This is no time for leniency. We should look up all those who utter words that prejudice our cause."

Food, Gasoline.

During 1918 the federal fuel administrator invoked "gasless Sundays." Louis A. Koch, Detroit, with his wife and another couple, had planned to leave early Saturday for an automobile tour to Cleveland. Rain delayed departure until Saturday afternoon, and they spent the night in Toledo.

The next morning, en route to Cleveland, a member of the American Protective League—a group of volunteer vigilantes—spied the foreign-automobile license and stopped the car.

From a report of the league Koch was summoned before the Michigan state fuel administrator and was fined \$15 for driving his car on a gasless Sunday.

Another Detroit citizen, J. M. Lieberman, was fined \$5 for permitting the lights to burn in his store show-window on the evening of Oct. 28, 1918, in violation of a "lightless night" order.

In Albion a citizen made application to three different coal dealers for anthracite coal. In each case he said he had placed no other orders. When the case was heard by the fuel administrator, he was instructed to take the coal out of his basement and to donate it to Albion officials for free use of the poor, and to show within 48 hours a receipt for the sum of \$200 contributed to the Red Cross.

Censorship of News.

Freedom of the press is another

Chemical Solution Prevents Christmas Tree



Lighted candles hold no fears for the young lady trimming her Christmas tree, for it has been sprayed with a non-inflammable wash.

Christmas trees are still a hazard. Electric lights may have short circuits, and some folks are careless with cigarettes and matches.

To fireproof the tree, first get it from four to six days before you intend to decorate it. Then weigh the tree and buy one-fourth as many pounds of ammonium sulfate as the tree weighs. This chemical is available in most stores that sell seeds and fertilizers.

For each pound of ammonium sulfate use 1 1/2 pints of water to make the fireproofing solution. Mix the solution in something tall and narrow that will hold the tree upright. Saw off the end of the tree diagonally so as to give a large cut surface. Set the tree in the solution in a cool place, away from the direct sunlight, and leave it there until most of the solution is absorbed. The foliage will stay green if the temperature of the room is from 55 to 65 degrees Fahrenheit.

civil liberty to be curtailed during war.

Close censorship of news at the military source has already been applied by the federal government.

A Detroit newspaper was banned from Camp Custer for one month during the first World War because a reporter was charged with writing an objectionable article.

Actually, the reporter (now a prominent newspaper executive in Detroit) wrote a news article according to limitations previously approved and accepted. After he had filed the dispatch, he learned from the commanding officer to refrain from mentioning unusual camp activities and wired a request to kill the dispatch.

Although the news article was promptly suppressed by the editor, the newspaper was banned from camp for 30 days and the reporter was put permanently on the banned list.

Hysteria.

Michigan's first weeks under war conditions were spent by citizens and officials under unusual circumstances.

Peace-time thinking had been drastically revised. The transformation was unparalleled in its swiftness. Whereas many citizens had been divided in attitudes about isolation and intervention or suspicious of the administration, they became overnight intensely indignant, feverishly at white heat in anger, thoroughly aroused and embittered and determined to do something about it at once, without delay.

The result, of course, was inevitable. "Calm thinking gave way to jittery thinking. In view of the sudden outbreak of war, it was perhaps inevitable.

Want Ads

LOST—Tuesday, small purse containing some valuable keys and small amount of money. Will appreciate its return to Grayling Restaurant. Finder may keep money if they will return keys.

STRAYED—Black and tan hound strayed to my home Sunday night. Owner may have same by paying for this adv. 12-25-41

FOR RENT—Modern furnished apartment. Inquire of Nels Olson. 12-18-41

FURNISHED APARTMENT for rent. Front entrance and private bath. Mrs. George Sorenson. Phone 4771. 11-27

CABINET WORK—Cupboards, cabinets, bookcases, doors, special lots of all kinds. Made to your order. Nick Nelson. 802 Park street. 11-13-41

FOR RENT—Furnished 3-room apartment. Phone 3831. Sam Rasmussen. 11-6-41

Rialto Theatre

Grayling, Michigan

PROGRAM

SATURDAY—(only) DECEMBER 27

(Continuous from 2:00 P. M.)

DOUBLE FEATURE PROGRAM

No. 1—GEORGE MONTGOMERY

In

"RIDERS OF THE PURPLE SAGE"

No. 2—PHILIP TERRY and WENDY BARRIE

In

"PUBLIC ENEMIES"

ADDED—All-Star cast in a new "Chapter Play"—

"DICK TRACY VS. CRIME"

Chapter No. 3

SUN., MON., TUES. DECEMBER 28-29-30

Sunday Show Continuous from 2:00 P. M.

EDGAR BERGEN, CHARLIE McCARTHY

FIBBER MCGEE and MOLLY

In

"LOOK WHO'S LAUGHING"

Novelty Late War News

WED. and THURS. DEC. 31, JAN. 1

ABBOTT & COSTELLO with MARTHA RAYE

In

"KEEP 'EM FLYING"

(Show will be continuous Thursday—January 1st)

Cartoon News of the Day

FRIDAY—(only) JANUARY 2

For Good Seats be here Early. Drawing at 9:00 o'clock

Screen Entertainment

IRENE DUNN and ROBERT MONTGOMERY

In

"UNFINISHED BUSINESS"

Comedy World News

Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Cook spent Sunday in Alpena.

Else Rasmussen left for Detroit Monday to spend Christmas.

Barlund Eldred of Detroit spent the week end with Mrs. Eldred here.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bousson are spending Christmas with the Frank Tetu family in West Branch.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Libcke and family of Lansing will spend Christmas with Mrs. Libcke's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Dunham.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reynolds and son Dick of Midland will spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Reynolds' mother, Mrs. Wm. McNeven.

Beatrice and Virginia Peterson of C.M.C.E., Mt. Pleasant, are home spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Peterson.

Perry Wells who is stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., is home on leave spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wells.

Everett Bidvia of C.M.C.E., Mt. Pleasant, is home spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bidvia.

Mary Jane Joseph of M.S.C., East Lansing, is home spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Joseph.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley LaGrow and family and Ruth Burrows of Detroit are spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Burrows.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Brady and daughter Veronica, of Lansing, are guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brady over Christmas.

Mrs. Leo White of Detroit is visiting her mother Mrs. Clara McLeod for over the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woodbury and daughter Mary Lou of Bay City were here over Sunday.

Mrs. Lipman Landsberg of Inkster and nephew Mickey Sampsel of Milan, arrived Monday morning to visit over Christmas at the David Montour home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cinciala and daughter Mary Ann left Wednesday evening for Bay City to visit relatives until Sunday. Their daughter Joan has been visiting there for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Schroeder and William McLeod of Ferndale are yuletide guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McLeod. Mrs. William McLeod has been here for the past three weeks.

Corporal Theon Deckrow who is now stationed at New River, North Carolina with the Marines is home on furlough to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Deckrow.

Some 65 boys and girls enjoyed the annual Christmas party given by St. Mary's Altar society at the parish hall Sunday afternoon. There was a pretty lighted Christmas tree and tables were decorated in the yuletide colors. The Christmas treat was much enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard McDonnell (Marie Malloy) of Ann Arbor announce the birth of a daughter, Margaret Marie, on Dec. 9th. Mrs. Frank Malloy, the baby's grandmother, left Monday to visit her daughter and will also go to Detroit to visit another daughter, Mrs. William Krause and family.

The members of the "Just Us" club had a very happy time at their annual Christmas party with Mrs. William LaGrow as the hostess. For entertainment there was a "Quiz" game that was a lot of fun. Lunch was served in Christmas dress, with the tables pretty with red and silver tines and other decorations. Mrs. William McLeod of Ferndale was an out-of-town guest.

Mrs. Carl Hagman and daughter Mrs. Algot Johnson were called to Pocatello, Idaho, Wednesday of last week by the death of their daughter and sister, Mrs. Felix Erickson, who passed away that morning. Mrs. Erickson, who was formerly Elizabeth Hagman, resided in Grayling, at one time, but left here 30 years ago following her marriage. Surviving besides her husband are three sons, Stanley, Linne and Werner.

The War Relief Fund must not be confused with the Red Cross Roll Call. Half of the Roll Call money collected goes to national Red Cross headquarters for disaster relief, and half stays in our county for local welfare work. The War Relief Fund goes to National Red Cross headquarters, and is used for hospital equipment and supplies, surgical dressings, medicine, food and first aid for service men in the hospitals.

Several car loads of supplies are arriving at Camp Grayling.

Hunter's Dairy extends to one and all, Greetings Of The Season.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roth have been vacationing in Bay City since Sunday.

Jean Brady of Detroit spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brady.

Everett Corwin is home from his work in Flint. He expects to return to work Jan. 6th.

Attorney Charles E. Moore was in Bay City first of the week serving a client in Circuit court.

Mrs. Alfred Hanson, Mrs. Adolph Peterson and Mrs. Harold Rasmussen spent Thursday in Traverse City.

Jack and Jerry Lozon are visiting their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Archie Lozon in Maple Forest this week.

Mrs. Albert Knibbs returned Saturday after spending a week with her daughter Mrs. George Wiggins in Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Shaw are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Shaw and daughter Sylvia, of Bay City, over Christmas.

Robert Skingley, who attends U. of M., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Skingley, during the holiday vacation.

Mrs. James Rogers of Clare is here spending the holidays with her daughters, Mrs. Stanley A. Stealy and Mrs. Roy O. Milnes.

Carl Peterson is home for the holiday vacation from the University of Michigan visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Peterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sorenson and son Bill are spending Christmas at the home of their daughter Mrs. Fred Jones, at Eagle, Mich.

Mrs. Lucy Morency has gone to Detroit to spend the winter among her children. Her daughter Mrs. Frank Bracken came to accompany her.

Mrs. Adella Dean of East Jordan is ill at the home of her daughter Mrs. Albert Rehkopf. Mrs. Dean has been here for the past three weeks.

Emil Kraus and son Emil of Detroit and daughter Kathleen of Siena Heights College, Adrian, are home to spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Virginia Feldhauser and Miss Elsie LaMotte spent the week end in Lovells visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Feldhauser.

Miss Gloria MacNeven is the guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Harold MacNeven, home for the holiday vacation from Michigan State College, East Lansing.

Glenn Penrod left Tuesday to spend Christmas in Detroit joining Mrs. Penrod, who has been there for several weeks owing to the illness of her sister-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Fern of Boyne City and Miss Gertrude Fern of Lake City are spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bradley and family.

Mrs. Axel Peterson, daughter Beverly and son Junior left Wednesday to spend the Christmas week end in Lansing among relatives. The Claude Parkers came to accompany them there.

After a lapse of several years, midnight mass has again been resumed at St. Mary's church. There will also be a mass at 11:00 o'clock, with one at 9:00 o'clock in Roscommon on Christmas day.

Santa Claus was on hand Monday evening when the Firemen and their families enjoyed their annual Christmas tree at the Moose hall. The kiddies had a big time as each one received a gift. The Mothers and Dads exchanged gifts too, and topping off the evening, lunch was served.

Children of Moose members enjoyed a Christmas party at the Moose hall Sunday night. There was a program and each one received a sack of candy, nuts and fruit. Rev. Kuhlman was present and spoke a few words to the kiddies. Later in the evening the Moose ladies enjoyed lunch and exchanged gifts as part of their yuletide festivities. The ladies packed a box of toys and shipped it to Mooseheart for the children there.

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No Sunday Service

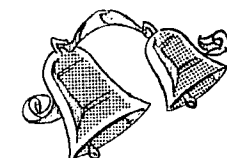
Starting December 26, there will be no more Sunday service until further notice.

MAPLE HILL DAIRY



Christmas! The Season of Peace since the angel choir was first heard over the fields of Bethlehem! Even amidst the thunder of war the magic of Christmas has, during all the centuries, sent its streams of good will around the world.

During this Season of Peace we wish for you all the rich spiritual joys that are our divine heritage at Christmastime, with an abundance of material blessings, too.



For your many evidences of good will we thank you, and we look forward to a continuance of the happy relationship we have enjoyed in the past.

GRAYLING MERCANTILE CO.

Miss Velma Harmer of Flint visited at the Albert Charron home Sunday.

Mrs. Cleo McCullen of Kalamazoo was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Sheehy, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mayotte are spending Christmas at the home of the former, in Munising.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lozon and son Jimmy of Flint, are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Lozon over Christmas.

Mrs. Chester Lozon and son Richard of Detroit are visiting her father Henry Jordan, and sister Miss Lillian, for over Christmas.

Kiwanis Club Notes

Quite a number of members were absent Tuesday, the day scheduled to meet this week. Several were out of the city and promised to make up their meeting attendance elsewhere.

This is Christmas week and Mrs. Cassidy of Shoppenagons Inn didn't forget to observe it with Christmas decorations. And on one side of the room was a handsomely lighted Christmas tree. Underneath was a pile of wrapped packages that later were passed around to the members, who might enjoy them at the time and then deposit them for distribution to some of our Grayling youngsters.

Report by Dr. J. F. Cook, chairman of the ticket selling committee for the New Year ball, reported that the collections were coming in steadily. Many of our civic organizations, lodges and other groups have given 100%—every member being the purchaser of one, or more tickets.

Also each of the six townships in the county gave \$50.00, and the City Council \$35.00.

Still there are many who haven't got tickets and Dr. Cook requests that they do so at once. Should the \$800.00 quota happen to be over-subscribed, that surplus will be reserved for any similar occasion in the future.

Mrs. C. G. Clippert, chairman of the Red Cross says that the county quota of 750 members is still unfulfilled. If you are not enrolled as a member of the county Red Cross, please do so at once, is the wish of Mrs. Clippert.

President Keyport reported that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday noon of next week, at which time the newly-elected officers will assume their new duties. Harley Russell will succeed Dr. Keyport as president; H. W. Kuhlman will succeed Russell as vice president; Alfred Sorenson will succeed himself as treasurer, and Norman Butler himself as secretary.

The Weather

No snow on the ground, nor none in sight for Christmas, however, the air is more chill and the mercury dropping so perhaps before night there will be some. The temperature the past two days has been between 22 and 48 with intermittent rain showers. The coldest day of the week was Saturday when the mercury fell to 17.

Child Dies Of Pneumonia

Gerald Lee, age 8 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Baynham of Maple Forest, passed away at Mercy hospital on December 15th after a two-day illness of pneumonia.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at the Sorenson Funeral Home, Rev. H. W. Kuhlman officiating. The remains were interred in Elmwood cemetery, Robert Owens, Stanley Hummel, Jr., George Relf and Edmund Howse acting as pallbearers.

Surviving the babe besides its parents are one brother Larry and its grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Feldhauser of Maple Forest, who have the sympathy of many friends in their sorrow.

Grange Notes

Jan. 3, Crawford Grange will celebrate the diamond jubilee of the Grange at the hall. This is an open meeting and the public is invited to attend so come and bring your friends. It will be in the evening, the program starting at 8 o'clock. There will be a speech on 75 years of Grange work; singing, reading. The juvenile members will help with the program. This will be an interesting evening, and some important facts that make Grange history. Come and join the members. Pot luck lunch. Don't forget the date, Jan. 3rd, in the evening.

A small crowd was out for the meeting of the 20th, as some of the members forgot that it was the regular meeting date. Mark your calendars with the meeting dates. One event that pleased the members was when the secretary announced that there was money enough on hand to pay all debts outside of the mortgage. This will be of interest to all members whether they can attend the meetings or not. If the members can do as good in time to come, it will not be long before all will be clear from debt, and that will be a glad day when we can burn the mortgage.

Clean-up day at the hall on Jan. 2; come and help. The committee wants to thank those who helped with the Christmas sale Dec. 13, at Connie's grocery.

66,000 Added To Oil Land Auction List

Another 66,000 acres becomes available for early exploration by Michigan's bustling oil and gas industry with the authorization by the conservation commission of the auction next month of state-owned oil and gas lease rights to lands in Arenac, Clare, Crawford, Isabella, Kalamazoo, Mecosta, Missaukee, Newaygo, Oshtemo and Roscommon counties.

The commission also approved offering, along with this wildcat acreage, a 40-acre parcel of proven land directly west and adjacent to the "prolific" Roscommon field in Roscommon township, Roscommon county.

Letter From England

WRITTEN TO MRS. ANDREW BECK

Mrs. Andrew Beck just received a letter from a cousin in England that has a lot of interest. We are pleased to publish it, and thank Mrs. Beck for this courtesy. It reads as follows:

Alford, Lincolnshire, England.
October 29, 1941

Dear Cousins Across the Sea:

I am writing to you, trusting you are well. I hope and trust that you will never have the experience that we are having at present. These wars are terrible concerns; and wicked too. Young men and women, the flower of the nation, sojourning and mourning making away from their homes and kindred. The nazis are often visiting the Old Country with their air-planes, dropping bombs around us. In fact very near to us. We are very thankful to be spared. I do hope that your great country will not be placed in the same position as we are. But I feel sure Hitler will never be allowed to invade our dear old country.

Now dear cousins I have confidence to believe that we shall win this war. Simply because our cause is just and right. And right always has and always will triumph.

It is drawing near Christmas. Our thoughts go out to our friends at home and across the seas, wishing everyone the very best of health and comfort. And may we soon be able to live in peace and comfort.

We have a grandson in the Far East; a son-in-law in the navy; a grandson in the R.A.; one son, an ex-service man, ill in bed nearly two years.

My wife often talks about you people and wonders how you all are. We hope you will receive this and that you will write to us. We have quite a lot of your Canadian boys over here and other country boys too.

I must say goodbye for the present to you all.

J. H. Barton and Family,
42 Station Road, Alford

Barber Shop Singers Wanted

Men who learned all eight verses of "Sweet Adeline"

Hank's barber shop or who can sing "My Wild Irish Rose" unless one foot is on a brass rail, are urged to contact Harold Gra 522 Third Street, Traverse City, immediately.

If these men never heard of the SPEBSQSA they probably didn't know it stands for Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America. But it does and these old barber shop quartets are meeting regularly in Traverse City. These men do not have to be members of any quartet but if they can rumble a good bass or trill a sweet tenor a spot will be found for them.

There are no dues nor donations connected with the organization aside from a small practice now and then and getting in there and singing.

LOCALS

THURSDAY, DEC. 25, 1941

Natalie Peterson is home to spend the Christmas holidays.

Fritz Heath left Sunday for Midland, to start work Tuesday.

Mrs. Minnie Miller and daughter Francine spent Sunday in Bay City.

Clyde Peterson of Detroit will spend Christmas with his family in this city.

Charles Williams of Detroit was a week-end guest of Miss Helen Brady.

Mrs. Ernest Larson is leaving for Detroit to spend the week end visiting relatives.

Dewey Courts of Detroit is home visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. N. VanNatter.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur May and son Skippy are spending Christmas in Rogers City.

Mrs. Anna Schjotz is spending Christmas in Detroit with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Olson.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Welte and children left Wednesday for Owosso for Christmas.

Amos Hoesli left for Florida Monday with his sister Mrs. John Mallinger and daughter Pat.

Ivan Rice of the Avalanche force is spending Christmas week with his parents in Meridosa, Ill.

Mrs. Kenneth Dobbyst of Detroit is a yuletide guest at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Keyport.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ziebell left Tuesday for Toledo, Ohio, to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Catlin.

Bob Welsh is home from Alma College to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Welsh.

Katherine Peterson of C.M.C.E. Mt. Pleasant, is home spending the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Clyde Peterson.

Ed Chaiker of Western State College is home spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Chalker.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hoffman of Alpena arrived Wednesday to spend Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Peterson.

Mrs. Charles Meisel and children left Saturday morning for Detroit to spend the holiday vacation visiting her parents and other relatives.

New Years Eve Dinner---

Horse Shoe Lake

M E N U

Dry Martini

Hors d'oeuvres Fantaisies

Coeur de Celeri Olives

Onion Soup au Crouton or Beef Broth with Vermicelli

Boneless Stuffed Squab Perigue

or Filet Mignon with Mushrooms

Souffle Potatoes

French Peas

Mixed Green Salad

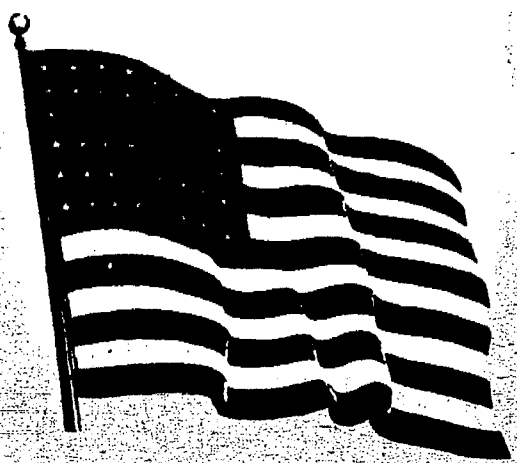
Chef's Dressing

Baked Alaska

Cafe Noir

PRICE \$3.00 (Reservations Only)

Send your reservations to MAURICE ROGALLA, Box 143, Frederic, Michigan. 12-16-2



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That Call On**

NEW YEAR'S EVE

AT THE

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From 10:00 P. M. to 2:00 A. M.

DANCING and New Years Celebration

It is your privilege to assist in contributing to the \$800 to be raised
by our county for

WAR RELIEF

Tickets \$1.00 per person — \$2.00 per couple

"ALL AMERICANS WILL DO THEIR DUTY"

Endorsed by:

Crawford County Defense Committee, American Legion and Auxiliary, Grayling Kiwanis Club,
Grayling Chapter American Red Cross, Woman's Club

Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE
FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

Thursday, December 26, 1918

Leon LaMotte is home for the holidays.

Mrs. O. W. Hanson spent the latter part of the week in Saginaw.

Frank Tetu entertained Harry Sauve of Bay City over Christmas.

Axel Peterson left Monday for Bay City to spend Christmas with friends.

Miss Mary Olson of Deward spent Saturday at the Charles Adams home.

Miss Edna Brown came home from Saginaw Tuesday to visit over Christmas.

Tracy Nelson left for his home in Mancelona Tuesday to spend Christmas.

Mrs. Lena Pond is spending Christmas in Bay City with the A. L. Pond family.

Miss Elsie Jorgenson is home from Detroit visiting her parents during Christmas.

Donald Herrick is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Herrick over Christmas.

Miss Maude Tetu is home for the holidays arriving Monday evening from Rose City.

Robert Popenfus of Detroit is visiting his family in Lovells, arriving Wednesday morning.

Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Canfield are spending the holidays in Gladwin, guests of the latter's parents.

Miss Mabel Nelson of Pigeon, Mich., is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Nelson.

Miss Stephanie Karpus of Flint is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephan Karpus, over Christmas.

Peter Hemmingson of Detroit arrived Sunday morning to visit relatives and friends over Christmas.

The Cowell barber shop is closed on account of its proprietor, Walter Cowell, being ill with influenza.

Edward King and Paul Sivrais arrived from Camp Custer Tuesday morning to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mrs. Willard C. Campbell of Mt. Pleasant is a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hanson, over the holidays.

Miss Ingrid Jorgenson of Detroit arrived Sunday morning to visit over Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter F. Jorgenson.

Miss Mollie Johnson of Saginaw and Carl Johnson of Detroit are spending Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson.

Mrs. H. Hanson suffered a severe injury to the ankle joint of her right foot last Thursday, when she fell from a chair on which she was standing.

Miss Ruby Olson arrived from Lake Forest, Ill., where she is attending a seminary, to enjoy the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Olson.

Mr. and Mrs. Thorwald P. Peterson are entertaining Mrs. Peterson's parents Mr. and Mrs.

C. M. Ross and daughter Freda, all of Vassar, over the holidays.

Melvin A. Bates has received an appointment as Director of Crawford county for compiling records of all soldiers and sailors taking part in the war. His commission was received Friday of last week and was signed by Gov. Sleeper.

Miss Matilda Cook is here from Saginaw, coming to attend the funeral of her sister, Johanne.

Charles McCullough arrived Tuesday evening from Detroit to spend Christmas in Grayling.

Chris Hemmingson left for Detroit Saturday to visit his son Walter and family over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne J. Douglas are guests of the latter's mother, Mrs. John C. Failing.

John Brown is home from the U. of M. and is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Brown.

Rev. and Mrs. Aaron Mitchell and son Allen of Saginaw are spending several days in Grayling, guests of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Newell Underhill and Mrs. Rasmus Rasmussen were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Underhill at Lovells, Christmas day.

John Deckrow returned home Monday night from Bloomington, Ill., having received an honorable discharge from the radio department of the army.

Mr. and Mrs. Angus Macaulay of Detroit were guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Cameron, over Christmas.

Earl J. Hewitt of the U. S. Navy, now stationed at Great Lakes Training station, arrived Saturday to enjoy the Christmas festivities with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hewitt.

Fr. J. J. Riess officiated at the funeral of a little five year old girl, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Murphy, in Roscommon. The little girl was the first victim of influenza in that village.

Herbert Trudeau of the U. S. Navy is home to enjoy Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Trudeau. He has been at Rhode Island, but since peace has been declared was transferred to Great Lakes Training station.

Carl Nelson has charge of the Cameron Game Meat market, both Mr. Game and his mechanic Phil Quigley, having contracted influenza at the same time. Mr. Game, his wife and little son Junior are all ill with the disease.

Benjamin Landsberg of Detroit was here for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Landsberg this week.

The many friends of Miss M. Hilda Foley, who was a graduate of our high school, in the class of 1913, followed by teaching at Lovells and at Mio, when she entered the Normal at Ypsilanti, will be pleased to know that she is now engaged at Pontiac as a teacher of history. She has taken a special course in the U. of M. and received two credits and will continue that work until completed.

DEFENSE BOND Quiz

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NOTE—To buy Defense Bonds and Stamps, go to the nearest post office, bank, or savings and loan association; or write to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C. Also Stamps now are on sale at retail stores.

What a Spot
A Philadelphia policeman, firing at a speeding automobile, took aim killed a milkman's horse.

Cane Sugar Production
Approximately 4,600,000 tons
cane sugar are processed in
U. S. in a year

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Dr. Keyport Dr. Clipp
PHYSICIANS and SURGEONS
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DR. J. F. COOK
Dentist
Office Hours: 9 to 12 Tuesdays
Thursdays 9 to 12
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Health & Hygiene

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TOBACCO AND THE HEART

Continued efforts are being made by the medical profession to determine in a scientific way the effect of tobacco smoke and nicotine on the human body. A recent report comes from the University of Pennsylvania. Experiments were cleverly arranged so that the electrocardiogram was brought into use to show changes in the heart. Other special instruments were used to

record the changes in respiration, the blood pressure, and the gas traintestinal tract. The experiments were made on animals, and following damage to the heart muscle it was found that changes in the action of the heart occurred with one-fourth of the dose required to produce such changes in normal animals. These experiments indicate that nicotine increases the work of the heart, and if it is already injured by age, high blood pressure, infection, or other conditions, the damage is much more severe than if the heart is normal. A tolerance to the effect of nicotine could not be obtained in animals, although people believe that they acquire an immunity to the harmful effects of smoking.

This was not borne out by animal experiments. In an additional study from other sources, it was found that the metabolic rate or the amount of oxygen used per minute increased in smokers about 8%. In the average smoker, the heart rate increased about 15%. The breathing rate decreased to some extent, perhaps 5%, while the amount of oxygen used by the body seemed to increase about 8 or 9%, at times as high as 15%. In a person smoking, the pulse rate slowly increased, but after a time it tended to return to normal if the smoking was discontinued. The maximum effect of smoking one cigarette may be reached immediately in some cases, while it may be delayed as long as 45 minutes in others. These experiments were carried

out on human beings who were heavy smokers as well as abstainers. The greatest physiological effects on the body are shown in the confirmed smoker who inhales and by the persons who are unaccustomed to smoking. Women in this experiment showed more marked changes in the heart and breathing rates than men. There is no doubt that the American public is smoking too much; that for the health and efficiency of the people, especially during times of emergency, a great deal less tobacco might be manufactured. However, nervous tension seems to increase the amount of tobacco used, and when funds are available great amounts of all forms of stimulants and depressants seem to be consumed. One of the facts which comes out of the studies

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Washington MERRY GO ROUND

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CHANGED CITY

Washington has changed overnight. Washington was a boom town one week; next week it was a war town. The change is partly a matter of visible things, partly things that are felt without being seen. . . . Khaki-clad soldiers, with tin hats and bayonets, patrolling two abreast between the White House and the state department. . . . Darkness over the Capitol dome, where searchlights are blacked out, for the duration. . . . A jam of volunteers for Civilian Defense. . . . New flags delivered at Civilian Defense headquarters, two for LaGuardia's car, two for Mrs. Roosevelt's car, six for the motorcycles. . . . The residence of German correspondent Kurt Sell is raided at night and Sell is taken into custody by FBI.

Though the department of commerce deals with such innocuous subjects as census figures, its great steel doors are locked, and guards demand credentials at the main entrance. . . . Women filers of America call a hurried meeting to speed up plans for training. . . . An extra detail of police strolls on the south grounds of the White House, last trampled by egg-rolling Easter crowds.

In his press conference, the President's voice is so grave and low that a newsman calls out, "Louder, please." . . . Four plainclothesmen, in two cars, sit parked all day on Waterside drive, where the bank rises sharply on the back garden of the Japanese embassy. . . . Even Falla, the President's Scottie, feels the change, for the White House guards have less time to play with him, and he curls up disconsolate in his green dog-house, just back of the President's office.

JAPANESE SPIES

Last summer Congressman Martin Dies had investigators make a thorough survey of Japanese activities along the West coast. The results eventually were suppressed by the state department and the President himself, but a brief summary of them indicates that some parts of the United States face a dangerous problem when it comes to fifth column activity.

Hitler had many agents planted through Norway, France and the Low Countries when he attacked, but the Japanese, according to the Dies report, start out with 150,000 of their countrymen in the United States. These are all Japanese citizens, and do not include 50,000 second generation Japanese born in the United States. The Dies report shows that 200 key Japanese have been decorated by the emperor during the past two years and that many Japanese are in close co-operation with the homeland through the Central Japanese association which has been directed by consulates in California.

Dies agents have collected photographs of various Japanese truck gardens operated alongside oil tanks and strategic railroads. Also they report 5,000 Japanese residing on terminal islands in Los Angeles harbor, where are located strategic oil tanks, Reeves field and a shipbuilding company. Oil storage tanks blown up in the harbors would endanger all of the Los Angeles area. The most revealing documents seized by Dies' agents are maps, showing all the U. S. strategic points and fortifications, and a naval manual showing the size of all American naval vessels.

The naval manual, published in 1941, is so up to date that it even shows latest models of U. S. mosquito boats together with the Presidential yacht Potomac and the plan of U. S. airplane carriers. The location of guns, engine room, etc., is indicated alongside the photograph of each vessel. It must have taken Japanese agents months or years to collect this data.

NEW FORMATIONS

Another Japanese map seized by Dies' agents is revealing in the extreme. It shows the layout of the American fleet in a typical battle formation near Hawaii. U. S. naval officers confirm the fact that the map correctly shows past naval maneuvers.

The documents show the details of Pearl Harbor, the Panama canal, San Francisco, Manila, Guam and Wake Island. They also give the normal distribution of the U. S. fleet in the Pacific, together with the locations of battleships, cruisers and submarines. Maps also show the strategic importance of the Philippines, the Hawaiian Islands, and Alaska. Dies' agents also give the normal distribution of the U. S. fleet in the Pacific, together with the locations of battleships, cruisers and submarines.

WAR CHAFF

It is our sincere and ardent wish that each of you may receive the full blessings of a joyous Yuletide season.



TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

Now . . . when echoes of the angel choir are heard throughout the land, it is time to pause and count our blessings. They are more numerous by far than we had imagined, for which we should be duly grateful.

And the employees and members of this concern are grateful to you for the happy relationship we have enjoyed during the year, and pledge ourselves to strive still more earnestly to deserve your continued friendship.



MAC & GIDLEY



To Wish You Happiness with everything that's best in life throughout the coming year.

GAMBLE STORE Earl Burns, Prop.



We hope you spend Christmas with all your heart. Laughter, kindness, simple cheer, peace of spirit, and gifts galore!

We are grateful to you for your kind patronage during the year, and look forward to a continuance of our pleasant relationship.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Cash & Carry Store

Mrs. Minnie Hartley, Prop.



To Everybody

We know the jolly little man from the North has not forgotten you.

And neither have we, for right here and now we are wishing you the merriest Christmas season ever, and adding our thanks for your interest and favors of the past year.

Grayling Auto Parts

Chas. Meisel, Prop.



OUR BUSINESS is dependent upon our many loyal friends who have favored us in many ways during the past year.

It may have been through your patronage. . . . it may have been through a kindly word of recommendation on your part. . . . but in whatever way you have favored us, we are grateful.

It is our sincere and ardent wish that each of you may receive the full blessings of a joyous Yuletide season.

—and a Happy New Year.

GRAYLING BAKERY

Charles A. Melichar, Prop.



MAY THE LIGHT OF THE CHRISTMAS STAR BRIGHTEN YOUR CHRISTMAS SEASON THIS YEAR, WHILE IT SHEDS ITS EFFULGENCE OVER A WORLD THAT IS SO TARDY IN LEARNING THE WAY OF PEACE LAID DOWN TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU—A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS—THIS IS THE HEARTFELT WISH OF EVERY MEMBER OF THIS ORGANIZATION, WHO JOIN IN EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP DURING THIS AND OTHER YEARS.

Grayling 5c to \$1.00 Store

Emil Kraus, Dry Goods



To wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year, and to express the hope that our present cordial relations may continue for many years to come.

A. S. BURROWS



Greeting You

and Wishing you a Joyful and Happy Holiday Season.

DAWSON'S



TO YOU . . .

Among our assets we count the only one that cannot be bought—your good will.

And so, at this holiday season, we extend to you, not as a customer alone, but as a friend, our very best wishes for a Merry Christmas.



Herman and Bea Sluyter



CHRISTMAS HAPPINESS TO YOU

THE foundation of pleasure to extend our business is friendship, and the basis of all our best wishes and renew our pledge of loyalty to those whose friendships we cherish. We say now, with the utmost fervor and sincerity, may your Christmas be truly happy and abounding in joyousness.



National Log Construction Co.



This is the season for good cheer — faithful though 1941 has been. This is the season for peace in the hearts of men. May peace be yours always, is our wish in appreciation of your good will towards us.

PLAZA GRILL

Mr. and Mrs. J. McWilliams

MERRIE CHRISTMAS

and HAPPY NEW YEAR

to our Patrons and Friends



Cripps Cleaners

GREETINGS:

At this Yuletide when friends seem nearer and dearer, we can think of no better way to express our good wishes than to quote Tiny Tim—"God bless us everyone."

Mr. and Mrs. Norman E. Butler

Church News

MICHELSON MEMORIAL CHURCH

Sunday Services
10:00 A. M.—Bible School.
11:30 A. M.—Public worship.
Public is invited.
H. W. Kuhlman, Pastor.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Corner Shellenburger and State
"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."
Sunday Services
10:00 A. M.—Sunday School.
11:00 A. M.—Preaching.
7:30 P. M.—Y. P. M. S.
7:30 P. M.—Preaching.
Come and we will do you good.
O. H. Lee, Pastor.

CALVARY CHURCH

Book—2 Tim 3:16
The Blood Heb. 9:28
That Blessed Hope, Titus 2:13

Healthy But Dead
In Los Angeles, John H. Mills, classed as physically unfit, placed with the school board to give back his job, said: "I'm as good and healthy as I ever was . . . saying, fell dead."

New Location—Orange
Pastor, F. D. Miller
Sunday Services
10:00 A. M.—Sunday School
8:45 P. M.—Young people
7:30 P. M.—Preaching
Midweek Services

Thursday—
7:30 P. M.—Prayer and
body's Bible Class.
You are welcome.

FREDERICK HENRI CHURCH
Services at Fredericks
10:30 A. M.—Sunday School
8:00 P. M.—Sunday School
Bible Study every Friday

at 8:30 P. M.—Church Service
12:00 o'clock at Leland
12:00 P. M.—Church Service

Rev. Chas. G. Galt, Jr.